

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph [0065] with the following rewritten version:

-- As shown in Figure Fig 9, the boss portion 4e has a regular hexagonal outer shape. The boss portion 4e is fitted rotatably to the spool shaft 16, but is made non-rotatable relative to the spool shaft 16 with a mounting member 56. The mounting member 56 includes a boss-engagement portion 57 to engage non-rotatably with the boss portion 4e, and an engagement member 58 to make the boss-engaging portion 57 non-rotatable relative to the spool shaft 16. The boss-engagement portion 57 includes an interlock recess 57b that has a twelve-point star-like cross section. The interlock recess 57b is formed in a front face 57a of the boss-engagement portion 57 opposing the boss portion 4e. The four circular interlock projections 57d engage with the engagement member 58 provided on a rear face 57c of the boss-engagement portion 57. The engagement member 58 is a disk-like member having at its center a slit 58a configured to engage non-rotatably the chamfered portions 16b of the spool shaft 16. Also provided on its outer peripheral surface are four interlock grooves 58b to interlock with the interlock projections 57d. By fitting the slit 58a with the chamfered portions 16b, the engagement member 58 is fitted non-rotatably to the spool shaft 16. By interlocking the interlock projections 57d with the interlock grooves 58b, the boss-engagement portion 57 is made non-rotatable relative to the spool shaft 16. It should be noted that a washer member 59 made of an elastic material is fitted in the interlock recess 57b of the boss-engagement portion 57. The washer member 59 has a hole 59a having an unstretched or relaxed inner diameter slightly smaller than the outer diameter of the spool shaft 16. By fitting the hole 59a onto the spool shaft 16, back-and-forth movement of the boss-engagement portion 57 and the engagement member 58 is restricted relative to the spool shaft 16. --

Please replace the paragraph [0081] with the following rewritten version:

-- (e) Although the rod-attachment portion 13 is formed integrally with the housing unit 10 in the first embodiment, as shown in Figure 10, a rod-attachment portion 13 ~~113~~ may be formed integrally with a first lid 111, and not with a housing unit 110. In addition, in the first embodiment, the first and second lids 11 and 12 are provided with the boss portions 11c

and 12c to support the master gear shaft. However, in this embodiment, a first lid 111 is provided with a tubular boss portion 111c (shaft support portion) to cantilever a master gear shaft 108 formed integrally with a master gear 107. The master gear shaft 108 is rotatively supported on the boss portion 111c by a pair of bearings 115a and 115b that are spaced apart from the boss portion 111c. Here, a second lid 112 is not provided with a boss portion and therefore has a smooth exterior appearance. Furthermore, in this embodiment, the second lid 112 and the housing unit 110 are formed integrally of, for example, a synthetic resin or a light metal such as a magnesium alloy, with alloy, with the first and second lids 111 and 112 being provided with first and second covers and first and second cut-outs. It should be noted that, although not shown in the drawings, it is possible to adopt a two-piece reel-unit configuration, in which the reel unit is divided into two pieces, where both ends of the master gear shaft are supported by the lids. --